

## Daily Eagle

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### The Houston Ship's Channel.

The city of Houston, Texas, although a number of miles inland from the Bay of Galveston and the Gulf, is yet connected with tide-water by a deep bayou. Before Houston had railroads the bayou was her commercial artery. In fact, the water-way is the secret of that city's existence, at once its inspiration and warrant. This bayou traverses a dead-level stretch of alluvial soil and is capable of being widened and deepened at little cost compared with ordinary canal construction. It is sought now to improve and enlarge this natural channel to ship dimensions; and as it is inevitable in the very near future that a large per cent of the products of the trans-Missouri region, whether consigned to the eastern Atlantic or the more remote far east of the Pacific, must go to gulf tide-water, and all the more surely when the Nicaragua canal has become a reality, we become interested in the Houston ship channel enterprise. This deep-water channel would afford a continuous wharfage front from Houston to the Bay. In this connection we note that the Commercial club of Wellington has formulated a letter to the senators and representatives in congress from Kansas requesting them to tender the Texas delegation their earnest support in the matter.

Whether the Kansas railroads like it or not, the time draws near and more near when the wheat of South Kansas and Oklahoma cannot be forced into that maw at the mouth of the Kaw. It will go from local elevators at Wichita, Wellington, Winfield and forty other points directly south to tide-water, from which standpoint it might not be amiss for the Commercial club of Wichita to do a little resolving and memorializing on its own account, and in the direction indicated by the letter of the Wellington club.

### To Slaughter a Job Lot of Murderers.

Some reference was made to a bill introduced in the extraordinary and emergency session, the other day, which bill involved the proposition of Stanley's enforced signing of the death warrants for the summary execution of some fifty-nine murderers now confined in the penitentiary. It was thought at the time that the unheard-of proposition was but the honest intent of some Pop crank bent on wiping out the whole of the assassin contingent at one fell swoop, thereby relieving the state of the expense of keeping them. Why the bill didn't provide that Leedy should be made responsible for the "hanging bee" did not appear. It was not that they didn't want the blood on their hands, it now seems, but it was a Pop maneuver to retain Leedy in office. It having been ascertained that Stanley is averse to capital punishment, and that he had declared that he would not sign a death warrant, the Pops concluded that if confronted with the duty of disposing of fifty-nine murderers in a lump he would refuse to qualify as governor. The bill provided that the governor should hang all of these men within a year. For the sake of the visible side of things, it is too bad that the nineteenth century is going to slide out without an unrestrained opportunity being given the Pop party of doing their prettiest. Of course Omnipotence knows what it is about, but the attempt to grasp the inscrutability of the wisdom which evolved the Pop is a little discouraging.

### Flickers Low in Its Socket.

The Lawrence Journal prophetically, not to say, pathetically, remarks that the Populist light is doomed to go out forever next week. Consent. Like the gentle tintinnulations of a jewel-necklace leaving out its undertone of music on the dimples of the dancer's breast, the squeak of the Pop grows fainter and fainter in the land. As for his light, he never was a successful effulger, if we may be permitted the manufacture of such a term for the more effective delineation of so inconsequential a factor. Great sticklers for the referendum, their last act is open defiance of the people to whom the Pop party leaders had been referred as late as November last. What an admixture of prejudice and of yawp, of ignorance and of demagoguery. Now, after eight years, it is "good-bye, John." A few more days of the Streets and Wellups, of the Jumpers and Insane Asylum bagnios, and the waters beneath which they are disappearing will be left without so much as a bubble to mark the place of their going down. Their frantic clutching at the new railway measure is exceedingly doubtful of results. If it should prove constitutional even no man knows whether it can accomplish anything in judicially regulating a traffic which is so largely interstate, while, upon the other hand, they have destroyed the old advisory board which has in years past accomplished much.

### Filipinos and Negritos at Iloilo.

Uncle Sam's hold on the Filipinos at Iloilo is a little shaky. Of course the evacuating Spanish officers precipitated the unexpected conditions. The chances are that if the United States forces should forbear for a few days the Filipinos and Negritos will fight it out among themselves. The reported uneasiness at Washington should be accepted with large margins of allowance. When this government gets ready to take these dusky sons of the Pacific in hand there won't be left of them so much as a squeak. Their insurgent flag has got to come down, and it will come down when the peace treaty is once ratified by the senate, no less so.

### A New Picture of Christ.

There is no authenticated picture of Christ, as there are no statues or busts of Him, so painters and sculptors vary widely in their delineations of his face and features. From tradition and the little of literature of his times, He must have been as a man of transcendent beauty of person. A new image professed to be of Him has been discovered in an ancient Hebrew medal. It has been discovered by Boyer d'Agen, a French numismatist. In a curiosity shop in Rome he recently purchased for ten centimes a curious antique medal because of Hebrew characters dating back to the primitive times of the Christian era. On examination of the reverse the Hebrew words were translated as follows: "The Messiah, the King, will come in peace. He is the light of men incarnate and living." The portrait on the medal is a profile with the head inclined slightly forward. The forehead is high, the nose rather long, slightly pointed at the tip. The mustaches are slightly marked, the beard is pointed and the hair long and curly. The features are described as being far from regular, but extremely fascinating. Numismatists who have examined the medal pronounce it of the greatest antiquity, but they are unwilling to guarantee its authenticity.

### The London Statist Stumped.

The English manufacturers are unable to understand why their export trade with the United States should fall off. The London Statist, discussing the subject, says that while, in 1877, the conditions were unfavorable to heavy purchases

in this country because of the large advance imports in anticipation of the passage of the Dingley law, those conditions have been reversed during the present year. There is unexceptional prosperity here and there were no accumulated stocks of English products to work off.

The Statist figures that British exports to the United States should have increased largely under the circumstances; yet the exports to this country during November were only \$140,000 in excess of the poor month of November one year ago. The balance of trade in favor of the United States during the month was \$45,000,000. The Statist considers this condition as unfavorable to the English manufacturers, and it regrets that it can give no explanation for it.

It may have occurred to the London newspaper that the value of the protective policy in the expansion of a country's export trade is being exemplified for the first time in the United States, but it would be difficult to induce an Englishman to admit anything of this kind. Nevertheless, the people of this country are gratified at the remarkable progress being made in the capture of the markets of the world, and they are more than satisfied with the workings of the protective policy.

### Corn Coming to the Front.

Corn has been slowly but steadily rising in price for weeks, and forty cents does not now seem an improbability. The export demand is expanding, which probably is the secret of the advance in price. While the people of Europe have not yet learned the value of Indian corn as an article of food, our exports of that cereal are growing steadily. During 1897 over 10 per cent of the American crop was exported, while but a few years ago the exportation amounted to but little more than 2 per cent of the crop.

Germany is becoming one of the best customers of the corn growers of the United States. Our commercial agent at Weimar, in a recent report to the treasury department, tells of the growth of the corn trade at North German ports. Bremen and Hamburg, he says, are the great importers of corn. In 1897 the arrivals at these two ports amounted to almost 900,000 tons, valued at almost \$14,000,000. The increase over 1896 was almost 50 per cent. Much of this corn is exported from Hamburg and Bremen, some of it going even to the Cape of Good Hope. The bulk of the cereal imported is, however, fed to German cattle.

The consul refers to the fact that the Germans do not understand the value of corn as an article of diet, and he says he sees no reason why it should not be as extensively used there for bread-making as in the United States. In conclusion, he declares that there is in Germany a field of great possibilities, and one that would seem to require but little effort to secure.

### Blacklisting May Not Be Illegal.

John Hundley sued the Louisville and Nashville railroad for \$5,000 damages for blacklisting him. The case has been decided by the court of appeals of Kentucky, against Mr. Hundley. He lost his case because he sought to show that he had sought and been refused employment by reason of the action of the railroad company in blacklisting him. The language of the decision is as follows: "It should have been averred that he had sought and been refused employment by reason of the alleged wrongful act. An agreement made with other railroad companies not to employ defendant's discharged employees does not injure the plaintiff unless carried out. An agreement that the defendant conspired and combined with other railroad companies to do an act, if unlawful, would not obviate the necessity of making the averment that he had sought and been refused employment by reason of the alleged wrongful act. Injury is the gist of the action. The liability is damages for doing, not for conspiracy. The charge of conspiracy does not change the nature of the act. In an action for damages there must be some overt act consequent upon the agreement to do a wrong to give the plaintiff a standing in a court of law."

### American Islands Already.

The president has received a petition from the professional and business men of Rock Island, Ill., urging that a supplementary treaty with Spain be negotiated at once for the purchase of the entire groups of the Caroline, Pelew and Ladrones Islands. The petition is based upon the ground that most of these islands were settled and civilized by Americans fifty years ago, while Spain made no effective claim to them until 1867, when the American missionaries were expelled and their property destroyed; that the natives have largely learned to speak our tongue and reverence our flag, and have long prayed for American protection; that Spanish control has never extended beyond the range of their cannon, and their government is not what it should be. The petition points out the advantages to the United States of the possession of these archipelagos, and urges as the imperative duty of the government to acquire them so as to strengthen our position and add to our commerce.

### Porto Rico's Chief Need.

Those who know most about Porto Rico by actual experience all agree that the poverty of the people is chiefly due to primitive conditions. Except for a few military lines, no roads have ever been built. What the people produce from the soil is carried to market on the heads of men and women—chiefly women.

Where human beings are still used as beasts of burden it needs no further argument to show that they are not far advanced in civilization, whether it be in Japan or in Porto Rico. In the latter island the soil is particularly rich, and there is no other explanation of the poverty of the agricultural classes save that there being no adequate communication between centers of trade there is little encouragement to tillage, and meager wages are the rule.

The Porto Ricans are ready to build good roads if encouraged and shown how to do it. The richest soil counts for little where primitive intercommunication still exists. The farmer classes are simply "home-bound." Our government should lose no time in digging them out into the clearing.

### Had Sufficient Reason.

At the annual meeting of the Afro-American council at Washington President McKinley was censured for making no reference to what the council called "the riots at Wilmington." N. C. One reason for this silence was that the affair was purely a local one and that is a sufficient reason. It is a matter of record, too, that the negroes were the aggressors. President McKinley in being a statesman is an accomplished politician. He never sleeps over.

Spain played one effective trick. When the Spanish general held the Americans over coming down on Iloilo he surrendered the town to the insurgents, and now the insurgents are against us.

The "Keep 'em" crowd doesn't believe there is a man in the country who would stand by and let the American Indians try to establish an independent government.

The "Pent up Union" crowd are on the side of the insurgents in Iloilo. But they will be howling with the rest of us with delight if we thrash the ingrates.

Gomez says that Cuba is not yet free or independent. It will not be, in Gomez's eyes, until he gets into office and holds a first mortgage on the island.

Gomez has decided to keep his army together. That army can conceal itself in a closet and the act of keeping it together is not reprehensible.

Agulnaldo is said to be losing his power in the Philippines. But what Agulnaldo should lose is himself.

There is no question that the train on which Matt Quay is riding smells plainly of pork.

Roosevelt is now governor. If he will quit toasting, he will be tolerated; otherwise not.

### The Wrong Card.

The attorney was in a reflective mood, as he walked from the office to his home. The afternoon had developed business of great importance, which would take him a thousand miles away during the next six months. The lawyer, however, was in luck, and, freed from the field free to his many rivals.

As he walked along, he pictured himself in a certain pretty home up-town, laying love and lure at the feet of a charming woman, who, long ago, had come to be an essential part of his existence. Whilst he was thinking over the situation, turning homeward, he was hailed with a business-like, "Ho, Farr, I want to speak to you a moment!"

Turning about, he faced the speaker, a friend of his junior partner, and in a few minutes they were deeply engaged in a discussion of some abstruse question, concerning a case which was then interesting a great many lawyers.

When the two parted, the one who had hailed Farr handed the latter a card with a request that he would give it to Somerton, the junior partner of the firm of "Farr & Somerton." In the hurry of parting, Farr took the card without looking at it, and only after he had reached his residence, his mind still full of the matter they had discussed, did he think to glance at the bit of pasteboard.

It should have borne certain markings which Somerton desired; but was, however, quite blank, save for the engraved name of the owner. With a slight smile at the other's carelessness, he tucked the card in his pocket.

Supper over, he betook himself to pipe and slippers. Then, lounging comfortably in a big arm-chair before the study fire, he gave himself up to the interrupted reflections of the afternoon. As a result of his cogitations, before he retired a letter had been written, addressed to "Miss Margaret Lamore." In it Miss Lamore was informed that he would call the following evening on an urgent matter. The letter, perhaps, was a trifle stiff and business-like, but surely could not help being clear to a woman. So, at last, thought Farr, and he went to sleep that night to dream of a gracious woman and a successful suit.

The business of the next day put an end to any further air castles for the time being, but when evening came he lost no time in hurrying whether the letter had come. Arriving there, a ring brought the maid to the door—a new maid—Farr noticed. With his thoughts on the coming interview, it was a moment in a mechanical way that he gave her his card and asked to see Miss Lamore. A few moments' waiting, and then the girl returned to say, in a well-bred voice, that Miss Lamore had an immediate engagement and begged to be excused.

Somewhat dazed by what he considered a rebuff, Farr left the house. Once more in his own room he reflected, within an hour or two, by the aid of his pipe, to put himself in a mood which played havoc with sentiment.

Early in the next day carried him rapidly away from his home and to a man who, a few hours earlier, had been all in all to him. Now, however, he thought he had convinced himself that he was not worth the wooing. Yet every single day of the next half year he had full measure of bitterness, souring even the great successes he met with. Not a single night but found him wearily praying to sleep, to drive away the vision of a proud, sweet woman who so perfectly haunted him. Sometimes he weaved of both himself and the world, but he was obliged to live and meet his fellow-men, even if a woman had scorned his love.

Time passed, and the conclusion of his mission allowed him to return home. But little more than six months from the day when Mary Lenox had been married, he seemed so gloomy to him, he was once again in his native town. On the day of his return Somerton insisted that he should dine with him at the earliest possible opportunity, and of course, if he thought he was, and desirous of nothing beyond peace and melancholy quiet, he was compelled to accept the invitation so warmly pressed upon him. Accordingly that evening found him on the way to the Somerton home.

He must have forgotten that Mrs. Somerton and Miss Lamore were the most intimate friends, or, perhaps, it was natural to start when he found himself face to face with the latter in the Somerton parlor. That he did start was a fact quickly detected by Miss Lamore—a fact, also, which naturally increased her embarrassment.

"Judging from your appearance, Mr. Farr," said she, "your health has not been much benefited by the western trip."

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### Outlines of Oklahoma.

The latest report is that Dennis Flynn will move to Oklahoma City. Governor Barnes is now wearing a lead pencil out writing the message to the legislature.

A new town named Berlin, with county seat aspirations, is to be located in Roger Mills county.

There is now on the compress platform in Oklahoma City a half million dollars' worth of cotton.

The Wellington, Kansas, football team beat the Indian team of Chillicothe Monday, by a score of 11 to 4.

J. T. Cameron, a prominent grain dealer at Fort, and one of the original settlers of the place.

The price of corn is crawling up in Oklahoma. Over 27 cents a bushel has been paid at Oklahoma City.

The Guthrie Leader had a good write-up of the industries and commercial concerns of the city of Guthrie the other day.

Colonel Havens says that he never meets a stranger that he does not say: "Oh, yes; Colonel Havens, who owns the bull calf?"

The Oklahoma City Times-Journal wants that grove of sugar maples near the Wichita country, the only sugar maples in the west, set aside as a park.

The school rooms of Pawnee have on their walls the pictures of all the great generals and naval commanders of the late war. It is a good idea.

O'Neill, the Santa Fe's agent at Purcell, has been moved to Oklahoma City. Those who know him say he is headed for Chicago and the presidency of the road.

Bill Walker will bring in five delegates from the Kiowa country to the statehood convention. Bill is in favor of making the Kiowa country a separate state, with the one elective office governor.

There is every indication that before 1899 is through, hard times will be a myth in Oklahoma that few men can remember and still fewer men can convince themselves ever existed.

Korns of the Newkirk News, Johnson of the Kildare Journal and McKinley of the Newkirk Republican, will consolidate their papers into one, the Johnson-Kildare-Kirk. The first paper under the new arrangement will appear January 12.

Mrs. Denniston of Cheyenne recently stooped down near the stove to pick up a piece of wool. She stooped on a stool which flew up and cut her badly over the eye. In springing back she fell against the stove and another bad gash was cut in the back of her head.

A clever scheme to keep hunters from trespassing was devised by Mrs. A. R. McElroy of Kay county, who printed the notice in the Ponca City Democrat: "All hunters and others are hereby warned that I will place poison on my farm for the purpose of killing coyotes." No hunter with a good dog will risk hunting there.

Oklahoma City Times-Journal: Maney & Ware of El Reno, who have the contract for grading the extension of the Rock Island west from Chickasha, commenced work Friday. They shipped their outfit down there last week and have established camps and made all preparations for grading. It has not as yet been definitely settled how far the road will be built nor the exact route west of Anadarko. The road will run through Washita county and will probably make Cloud Chief point on the route. If it does not strike Cloud Chief it will be built south of that place through Oak Dale, on the south line of the county.

Here is a passage from the prize article delivered by Miss Rice of Kingfisher: "Death is not half so much feared as we sometimes imagine. Bacon says: 'There is no passion in the mind of man so weak, but it mates and masters the fear of death, revenge triumphs over it, love conquers it, honor prevails over it, and grief grieves to it.' Be the motive sufficiently strong, and any man will commit crime regardless of punishment. Take the case of Harry St. John in our midst. He was a member of the Third legislative assembly of Oklahoma and chairman of the judiciary committee. When the bill for abolishing capital punishment was in his possession, a gentleman, stopping up to him, begged that he report the bill favorably. St. John turned and said: 'My God, no. Capital punishment is the only deterrent we have in this territory.' In just thirty days thereafter St. John murdered his own wife. The death penalty did not deter him."

### Along the Kansas Nile.

Among other foolish things the extra session killed request of visitation may appoint a marshal at any time. The marshal will be appointed at right.

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## Preparations

for the Great Muslim Underwear Sale are in full swing. Next Monday is the day set for our Twelfth Annual Show of Lingerie, and we hope to make it so attractive, that in its white beauty and in its grandness of large quantities, that aside from the low prices, it will be an entertainment that you cannot afford to miss. Our ad in next Sunday's Eagle will interest you.



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### Connection

with the Muslim Underwear Sale we will also begin an onslaught on the Linen stock, to lower quantities before inventory begins. This will be an opportunity for Wichita's Linen Lovers to lay in their supplies for 1899 at phenomenally low prices. Already we have begun to push the Linen bargains out, and if you'll stop at the store today no doubt your purse will be lighter in consequence, for we are making these Linen prices irresistible.

## INVENTORY

### And Then



there's our Annual Clearing Sale forging into view. People of Wichita have been to our Clearing Sales before. They have learned that they can have absolute confidence in our assertions concerning the goods offered, and they have learned to wait for these Clearing Sales as regularly as we look forward to the Holidays. You'll only have to wait a short time longer for our effort for 1899, when we expect to break all records of past Clearing Sales.

## Boston Store.

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